GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DENSITY OF VEHICLES ON NHS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest details of registered vehicles in the country alongwith the number of vehicles plying on the National Highways (NHs);

(b) whether the Government has assessed the feasibility of the road conditions to withstand the processure of increasing number of vehicles on National Highways;

(c) if so,the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA)

(a) As per the latest available data the total number of registered motor vehicles in the country was 7,27,17,935 as on 31st March 2004. Every registered vehicle can ply on any public road including the National Highways.However,no separate data is available for the number of vehicles plying on the entire National Highways.

(b)to(d) Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process. Various aspects are taken into account including the assessment for the projected traffic on National Highways while undertaking any development project.Further, the Government has taken several initiatives for development of National Highways in the country through various phases of development programmes such as National Highways Development Project (NHDP),Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North Eastern Region (SARDP-NE) etc.